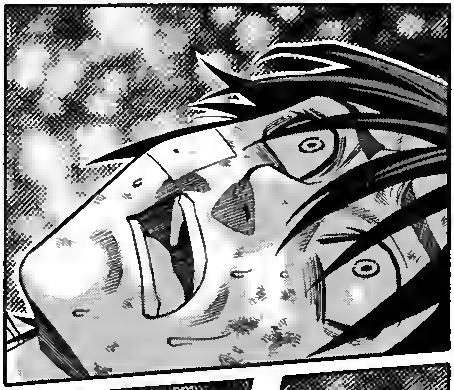

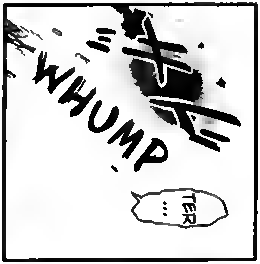

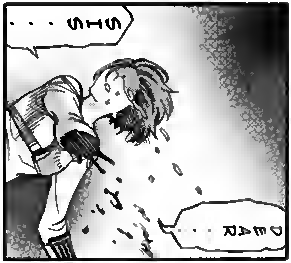

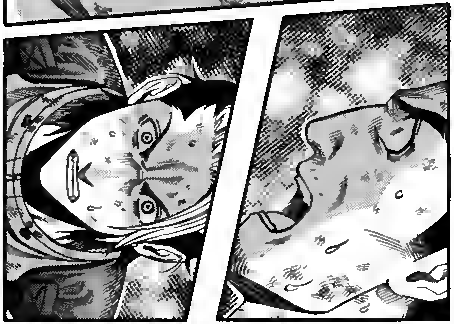

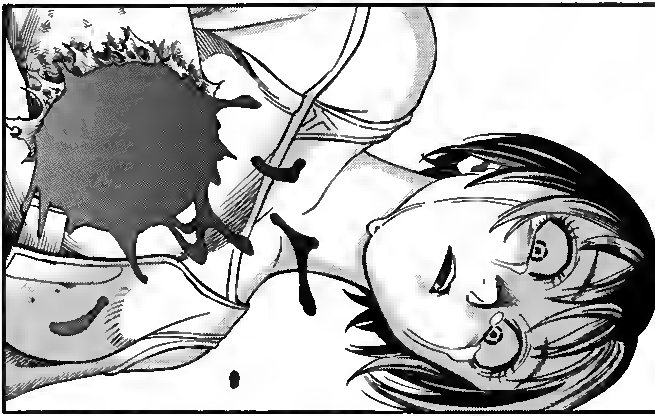

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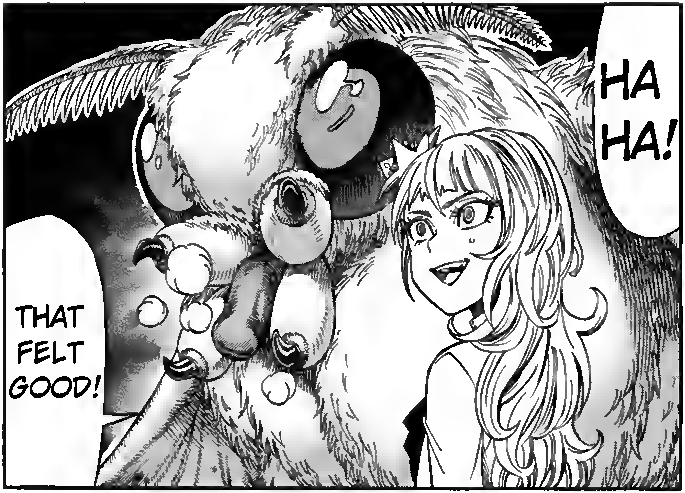
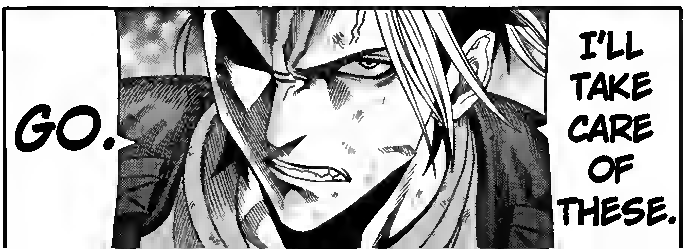

HA HA!
THAT FELT GOOD!

KA-SHINK
GRAAN


I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE.
GO.

RAAAAAAAH! RAAAAAAAH!

ST
...
ZOOOM
STOP THEM, MY DEARS!
I CAN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY AT THIS RANGE, BUT...

I CAN BLOCK IT...
...WITH MY BODY!
ZU
SHUNK

IT'S UP TO YOU ...
AKIRA...
TAKE ...
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WHUMP
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FOR ...
ME ...
VRAAKAKAAN
YOU DID YOUR JOB, BIG GUY.
HEH ...
THERE ARE WORSE WAYS TO GO.
NOTHING LEFT BETWEEN AKIRA AND THE GIRL...
...AND I'M PRETTY BEAT.

I THINK I'LL TAKE A LITTLE BREAK HERE.

NRAAGHAAA!

NRAAGHAAA!

RAORAARRAAAAAN

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GRAB THAT FOR ME, DEAR.
SHOOM
OH?
WHAT HAVE WE HERE?
CRUNCH
ベキ
ズン
WHAM
OOPS, SORRY. DID I BREAK THAT?

NOW I'VE GOT NO WEAPON AND NO ONE TO SAVE ME!
NO! I BET MY LIFE ON THIS PLAN!
!
ドサッ
BUMP
IT'S OVER!
WELL, THAT WAS FUN! BUT IT'S TIME TO CLEAN UP OUR MESS!
BOOF

AGH!
SPLASH
TAK
TAK
TAK
CREAK
AH!
UGH!
CREAK
SHOOOOO
TOO BAD, BUT THIS IS THE END.

YEAH.
BUT IT'S YOUR END, NOT MINE!
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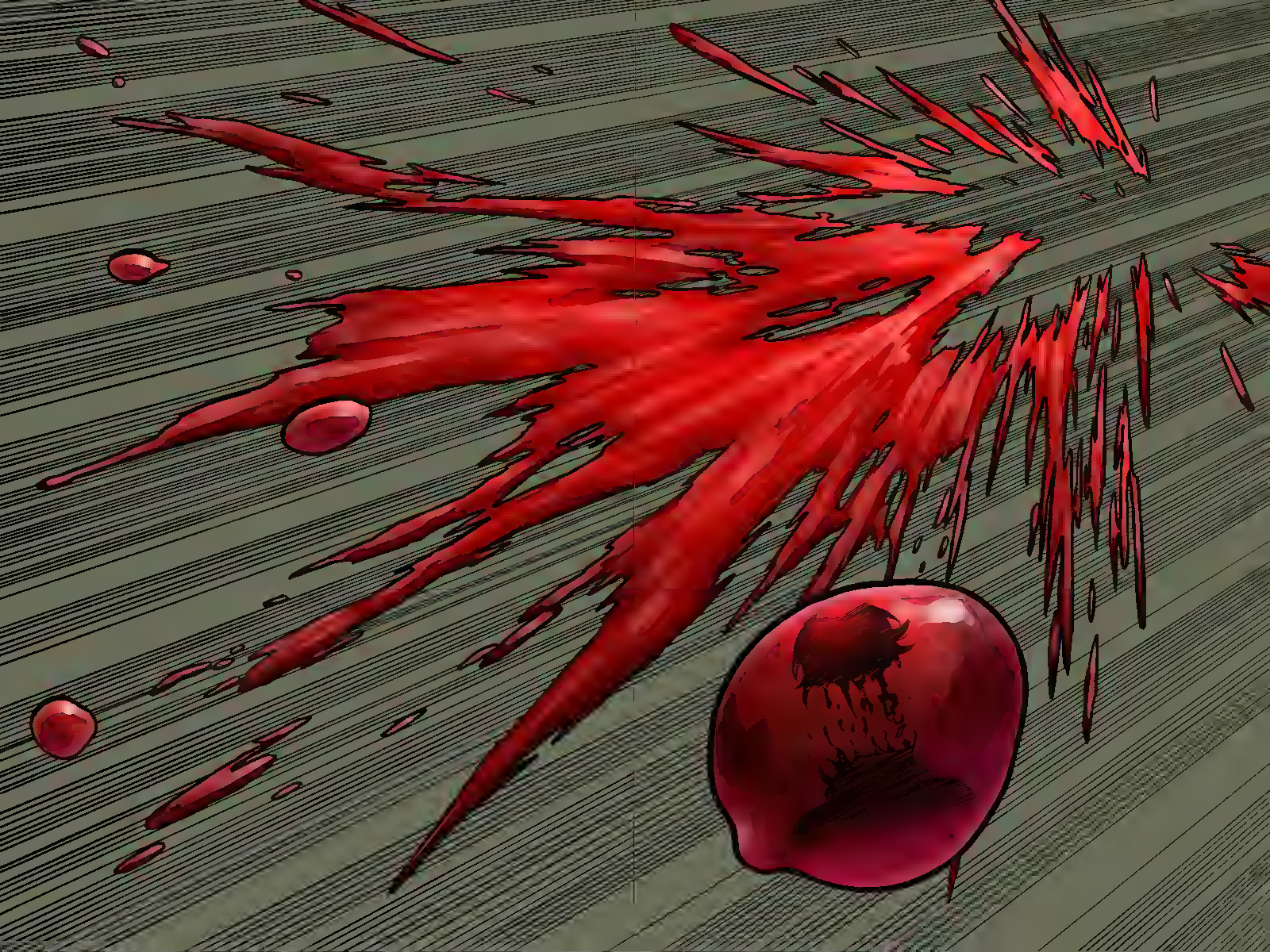
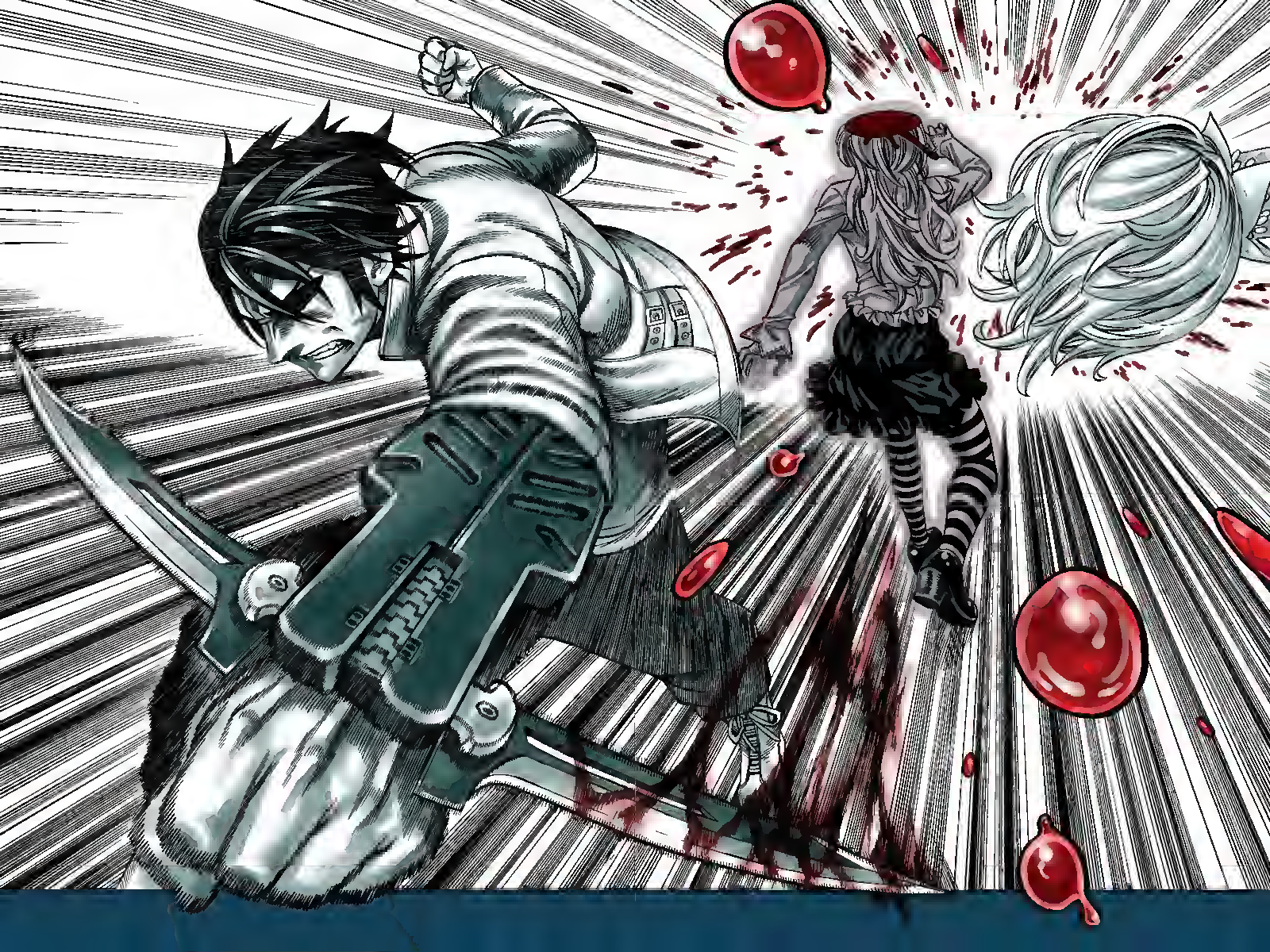
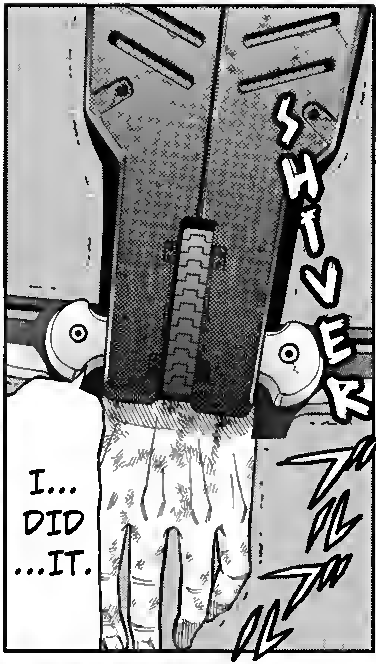
WOOOOM
オォォ





PANT.
PUFF.
HUFF.
THUMP



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BUT
...
...
NOW
...

WHAT DO I DO NOW?
IT'S ALL GONE.

THERE'S NOTHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.
WHAT DO I DO NOW?
WHAT ...

SOMEONE ... PLEASE ...
ANSWER ME!

THAT WASN'T ENOUGH TO KILL ME.
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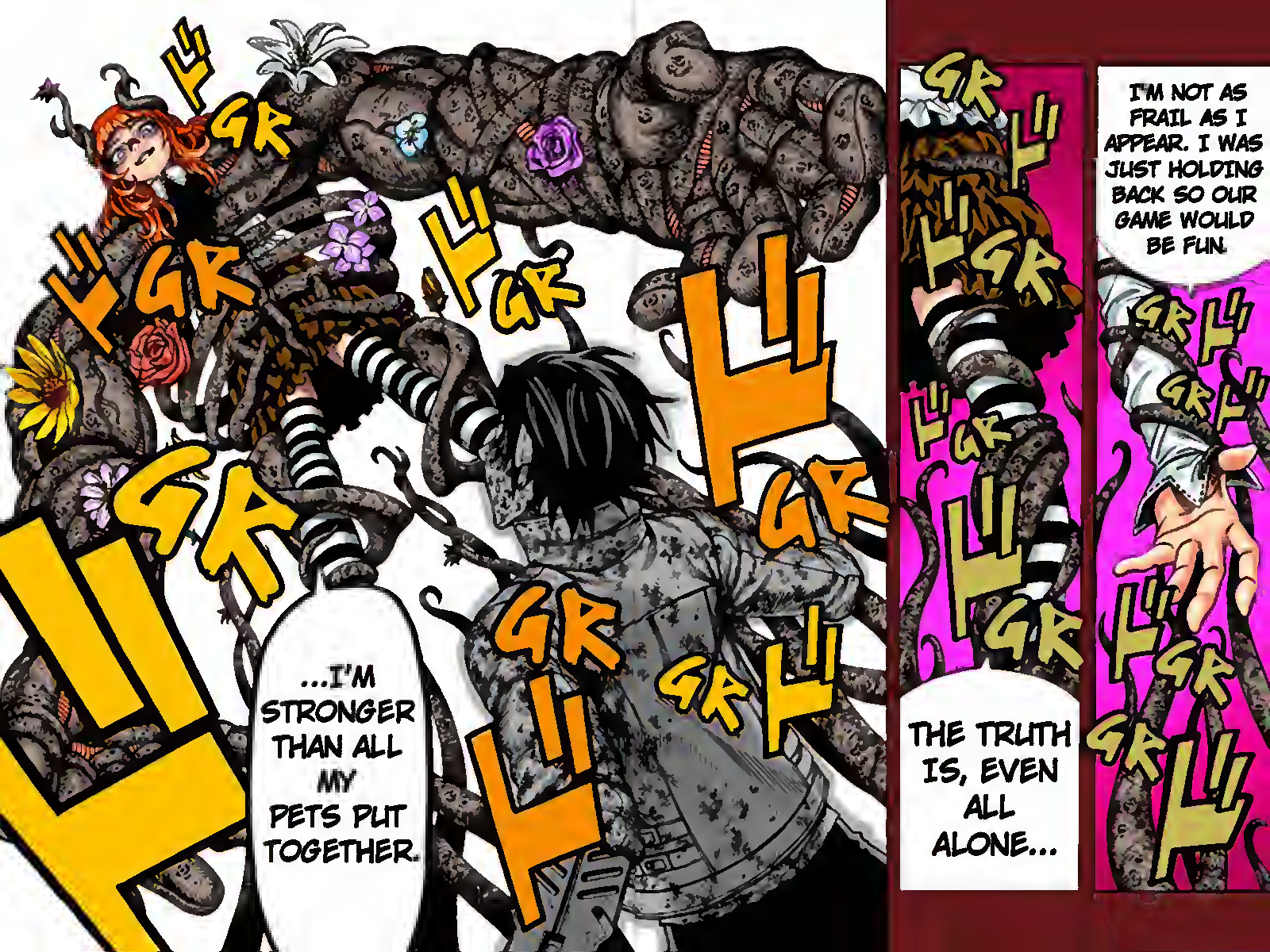
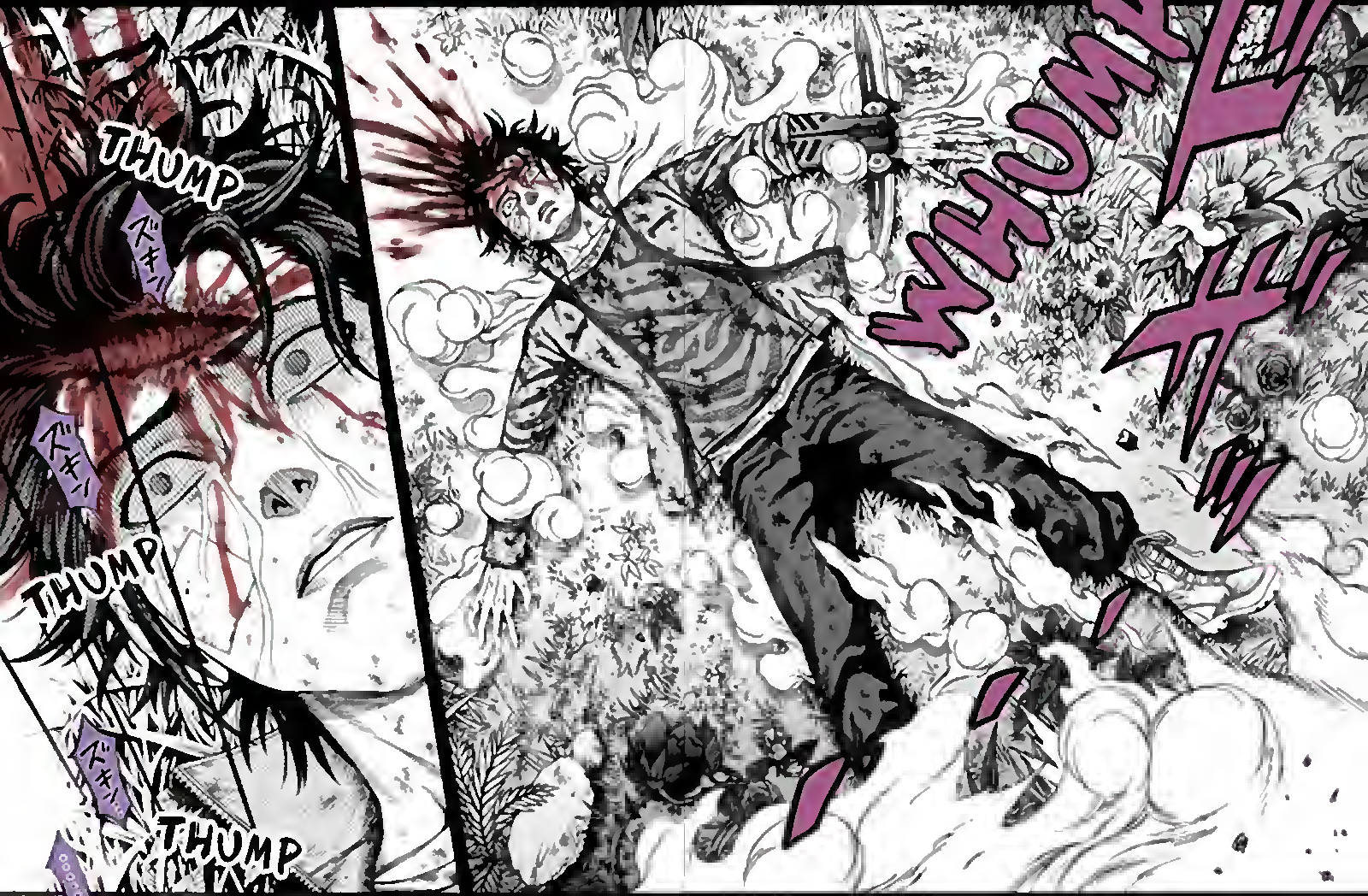
クネクネ
BUT ...
SHLURP
...IT HURT LIKE HELL.
ANYWAY, I DON'T THINK YOU GET IT.
HOW!?
HOW...
I'M AFRAID I'M STILL ALIVE.
AWW, TOO BAD.


...I'M STRONGER THAN ALL MY PETS PUT TOGETHER.
THE TRUTH IS, EVEN ALL ALONE...
I'M NOT AS FRAIL AS I APPEAR. I WAS JUST HOLDING BACK SO OUR GAME WOULD BE FUN.

GRRR
GRRR
GRRR


THUMP
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THUMP
ズキン…
THUMP
I'LL CHAN-GE IT.
SHOOOOOO
ALL OF IT!

PROJECT:Z
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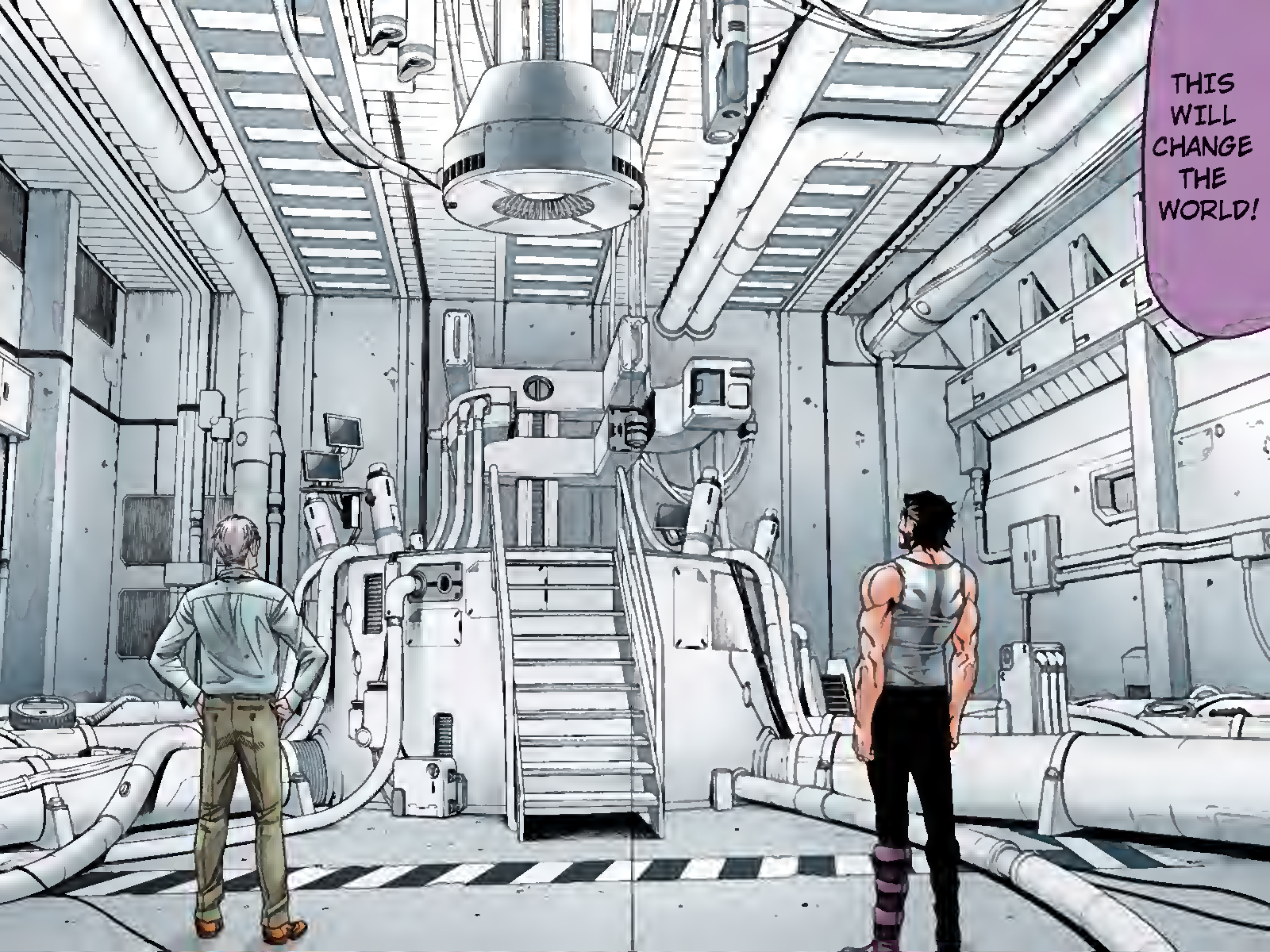
AT LONG LAST...
...
...THE PROJECT IS READY TO GO INTO ACTION.

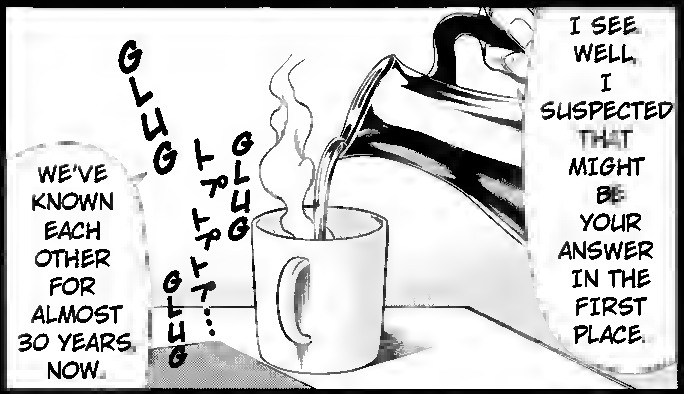

THIS WILL CHANGE THE WORLD!

YOU'RE REALLY GOING TO DO IT?
IF YOU GO INTO THE PAST, YOU CAN'T GO BACK. PLUS...
USING THE MACHINE ...
...WILL KILL YOU.

I TOLD YOU BEFORE ...
BUT THE MACHINE CAN'T SEND YOU INTO THE PAST.
THE MACHINE WILL REDUCE YOUR BODY TO ITS COMPONENT MOLECULES.
SO YOU'LL DIE.
IT WILL THEN SCAN THE MOLECULES THAT WERE ONCE YOU...
...AND PRINT THEM TO THE TARGET TIME.

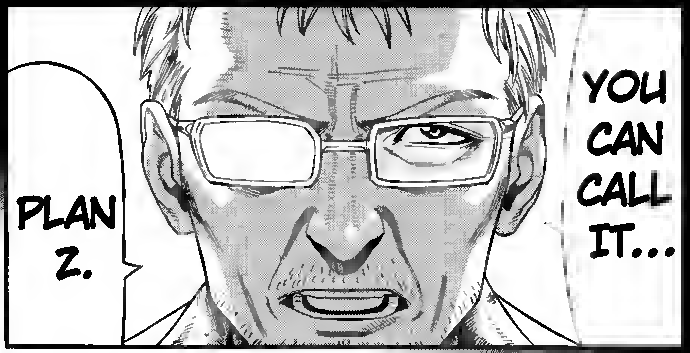
IT IS A 3D PRINTER THAT CAN PENETRATE BOTH TIME AND SPACE.
THE PRINTED VERSION IS IDENTICAL TO THE ORIGINAL.
IT IS YOU, BUT NOT YOU.
CALL IT VERSION TWO.
YOU'RE FINE WITH THIS?
...

YEAH.
IF IT MEANS A CHANCE AT SAVING HER, I'LL DO WHAT I CAN.


I SEE. WELL, I SUSPECTED THAT MIGHT BE YOUR ANSWER IN THE FIRST PLACE.
GLUG GLUG トプトプ… GLUG
WE'VE KNOWN EACH OTHER FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS NOW.

HEH.
THAT'S WHY I HAD TO ASK YOU.

THIS SENTI-MENTALITY IS A BOTHER.
ゴク…
GLUP
AND YOU…
THAT BEARD IS FINALLY STARTING TO LOOK GOOD ON YOU.
HEH HEH HEH.
HA HA HA!
OH, THIS IS ALSO FOR YOU.
SWISH
HMM?



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ABOUT THE PRINTED ME...
YOU SAID ...
IT IS YOU, BUT NOT YOU.
CALL IT VERSION TWO.
BUT ...
...I STILL HAVE ...
THUMP
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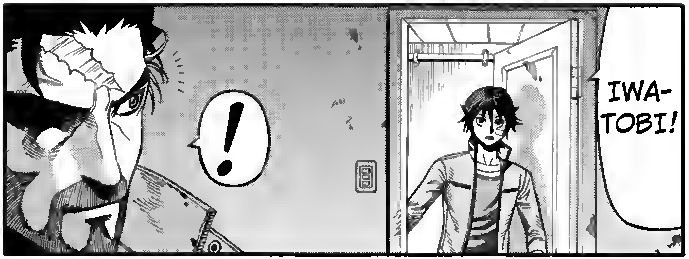
...DOUBTS ABOUT THAT.

...IS CER-TAINLY MY OWN!
BECAUSE THIS RAGE ...


!
IWA-TOBI!

MURMUR
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MURMUR
ザワザワ…
MURMUR
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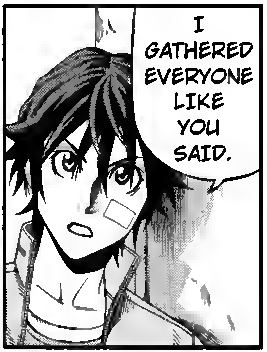
I GATHERED EVERYONE LIKE YOU SAID.

GOOD.
LET'S GO.

I WILL NOW TELL YOU ...
...OUR NEW MISSION.
!

...AND THAT'S THE MISSION.
MUR
MUR
YOU'RE NUTS!
ARE YOU TELLING US TO SHOUT THEM TO DEATH!?
W-WAS THAT A JOKE!?
WHY DO WE NEED TO FIGHT?
...
WILL THAT ARMY OF BUGS REALLY SHOW UP?

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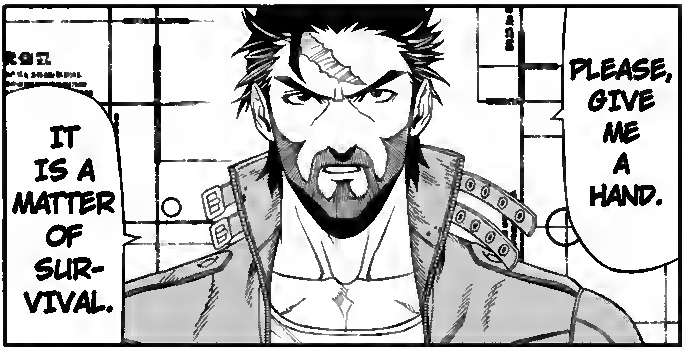
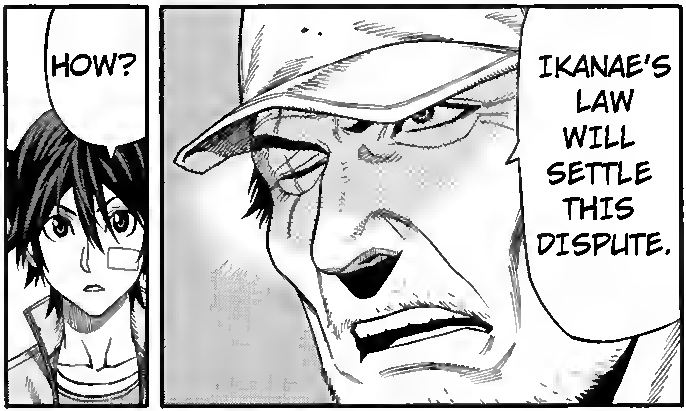
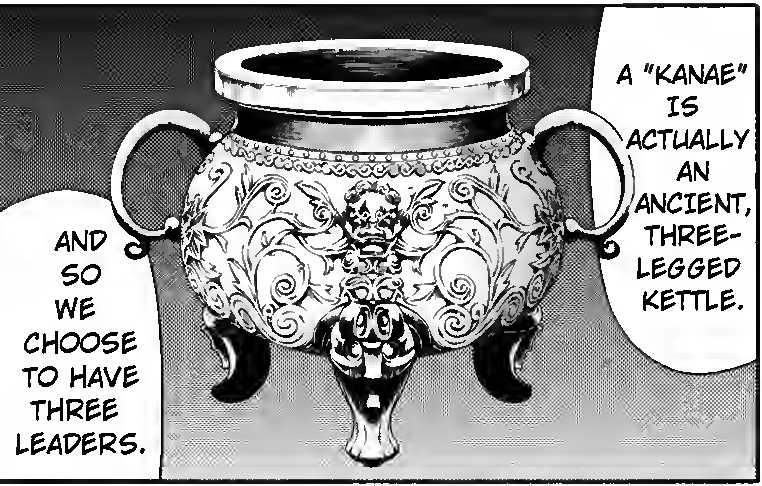
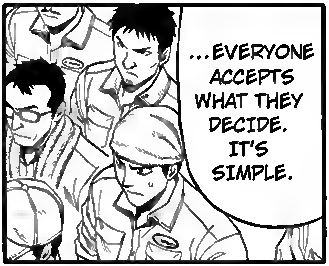
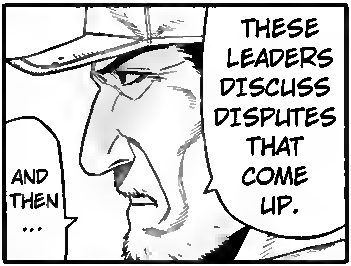

PLEASE, GIVE ME A HAND.
IT IS A MATTER OF SUR-VIVAL.

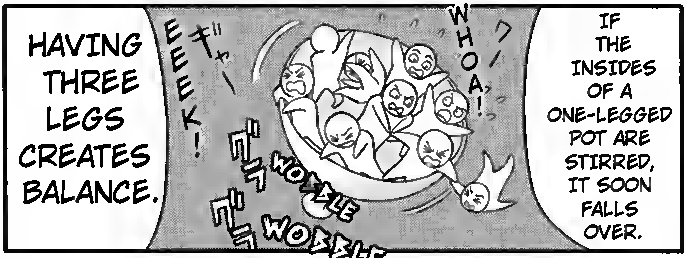
CH-CHIEF?
...
IT SEEMS WE DISAGREE.


IKANAE'S LAW WILL SETTLE THIS DISPUTE.
HOW?


A "KANAE" IS ACTUALLY AN ANCIENT, THREE-LEGGED KETTLE.
AND SO WE CHOOSE TO HAVE THREE LEADERS.


...EVERYONE ACCEPTS WHAT THEY DECIDE. IT'S SIMPLE.


THESE LEADERS DISCUSS DISPUTES THAT COME UP.
AND THEN ...


HAVING THREE LEGS CREATES BALANCE.
EEEK!
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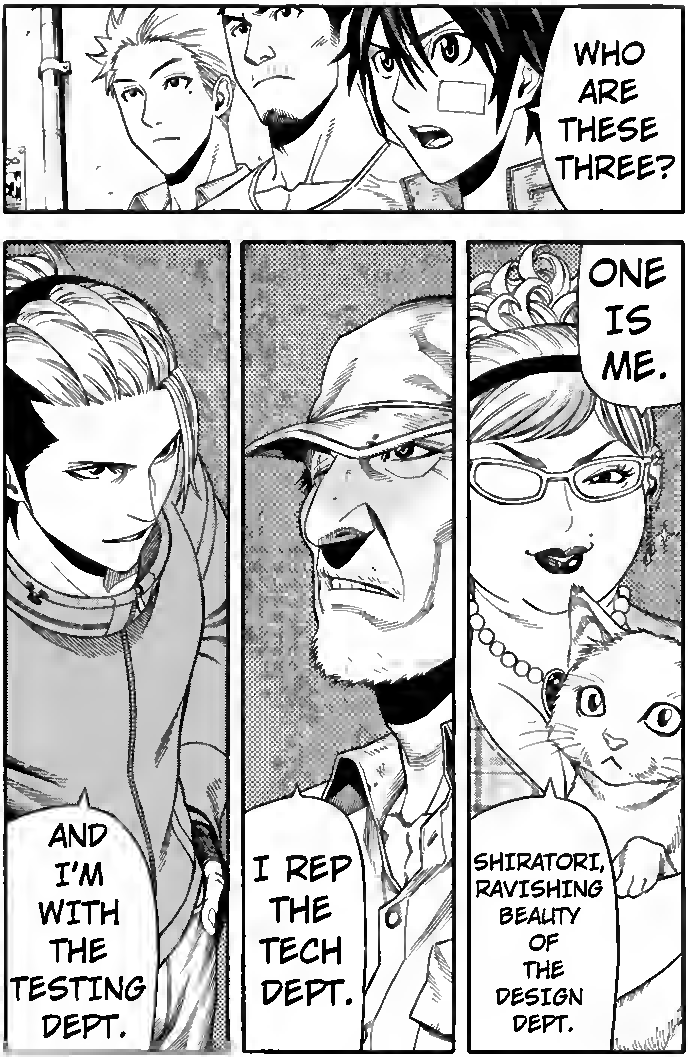
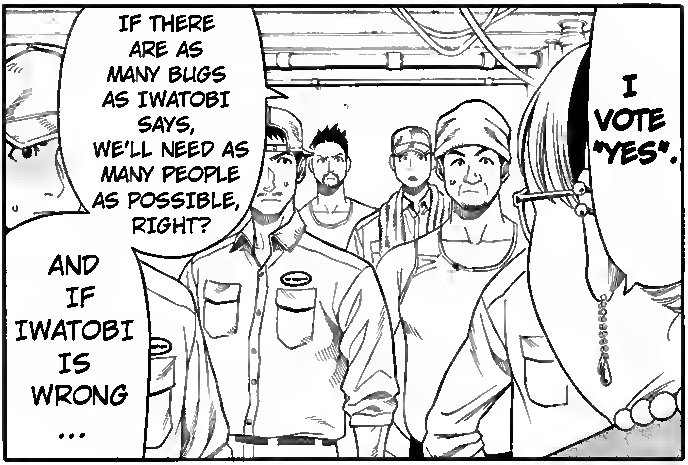
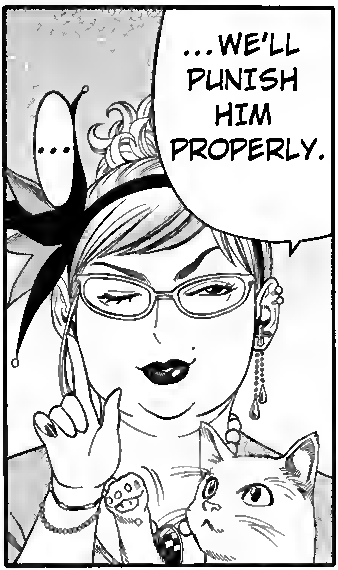
WOBBLE
WOBBLE
WHOA!
IF THE INSIDES OF A ONE-LEGGED POT ARE STIRRED, IT SOON FALLS OVER.


WHO ARE THESE THREE?
ONE IS ME.
SHIRATORI, RAVISHING BEAUTY OF THE DESIGN DEPT.
I REP THE TECH DEPT.
AND I'M WITH THE TESTING DEPT.

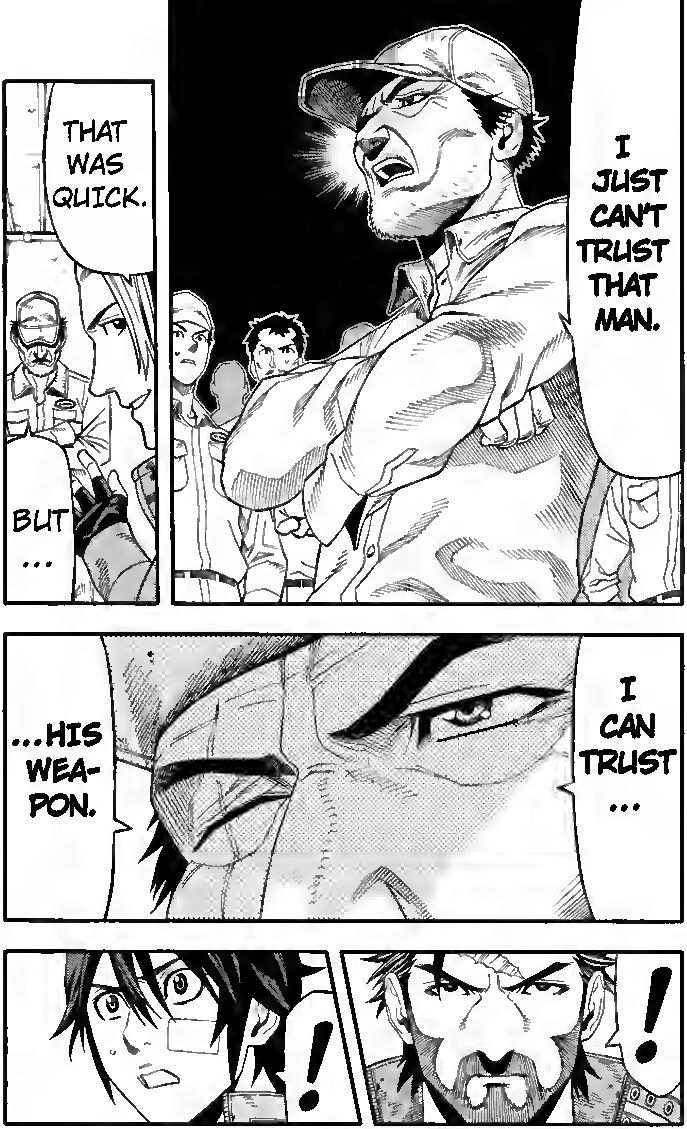
SO, WHAT DO WE DO?
WE DECIDE IF WE GO ALONG WITH IWATOBI'S PLAN.
A SIMPLE MAJORITY WILL DO. AGREED?
FINE.
IN THAT CASE ...
...ONE VOTE FOR "NO".
WE JUST DON'T KNOW ENOUGH A BOUT IWATOBI.

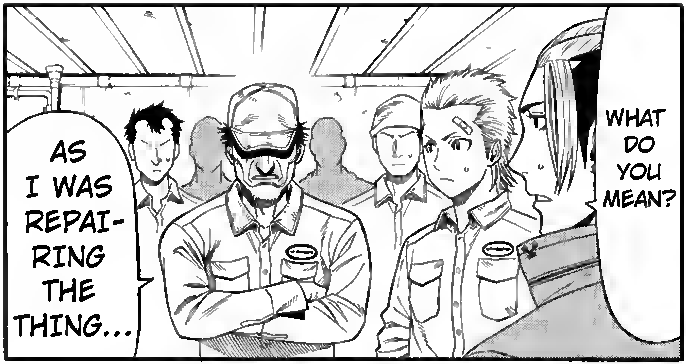

IF THERE ARE AS MANY BUGS AS IWATOBI SAYS, WE'LL NEED AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE, RIGHT?
I VOTE "YES".
AND IF IWATOBI IS WRONG ...

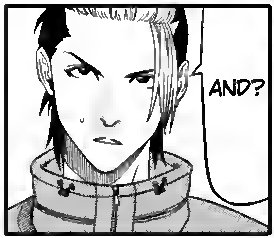
SO IT'S TIED.
THAT LEAVES YOU, CHIEF.


...
...WE'LL PUNISH HIM PROPERLY.

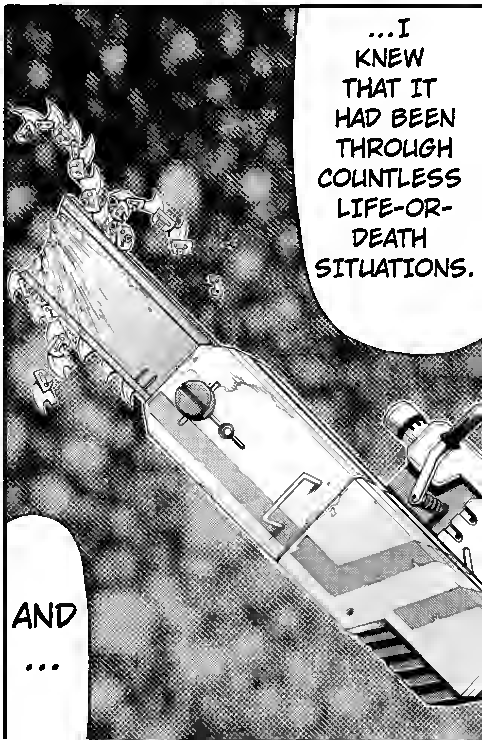
...


I JUST CAN'T TRUST THAT MAN.
THAT WAS QUICK.
BUT ...
I CAN TRUST ...
...HIS WEA-PON.
!
!

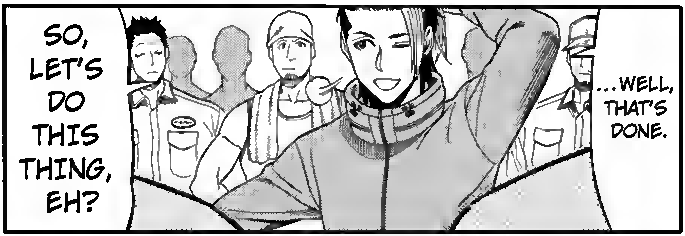

AS I WAS REPAI-RING THE THING...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN?

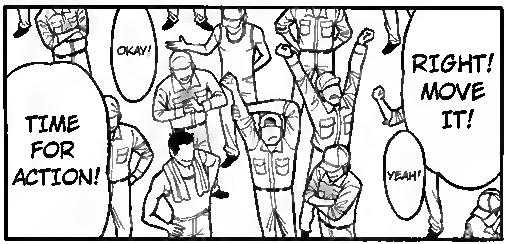

AND?

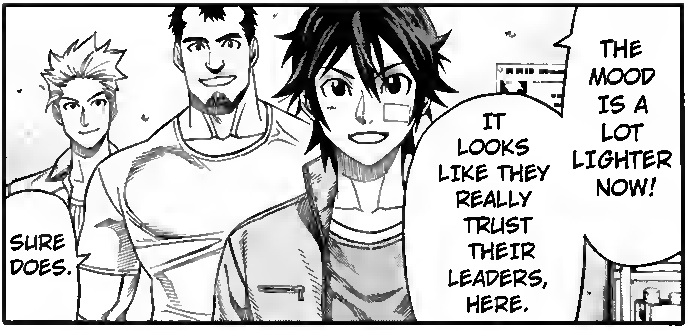
...
FORGET IT.
MY VOTE'S FOR "YES".

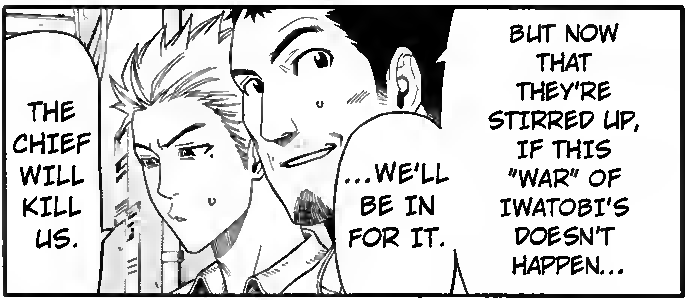

...I KNEW THAT IT HAD BEEN THROUGH COUNTLESS LIFE-OR-DEATH SITUATIONS.
AND ...

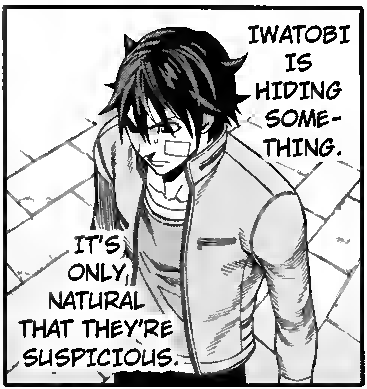
IF I SAID I FELT THE SPIRIT OF KANAE IN THAT THING...
...THEY'D THINK MY WITS HAD FINALLY LEFT ME.

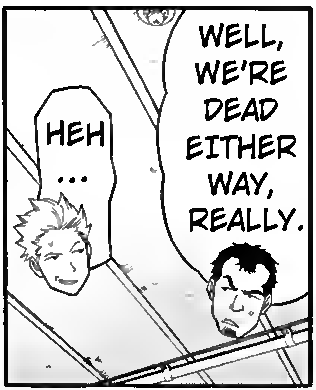

SO, LET'S DO THIS THING, EH?
...WELL, THAT'S DONE.

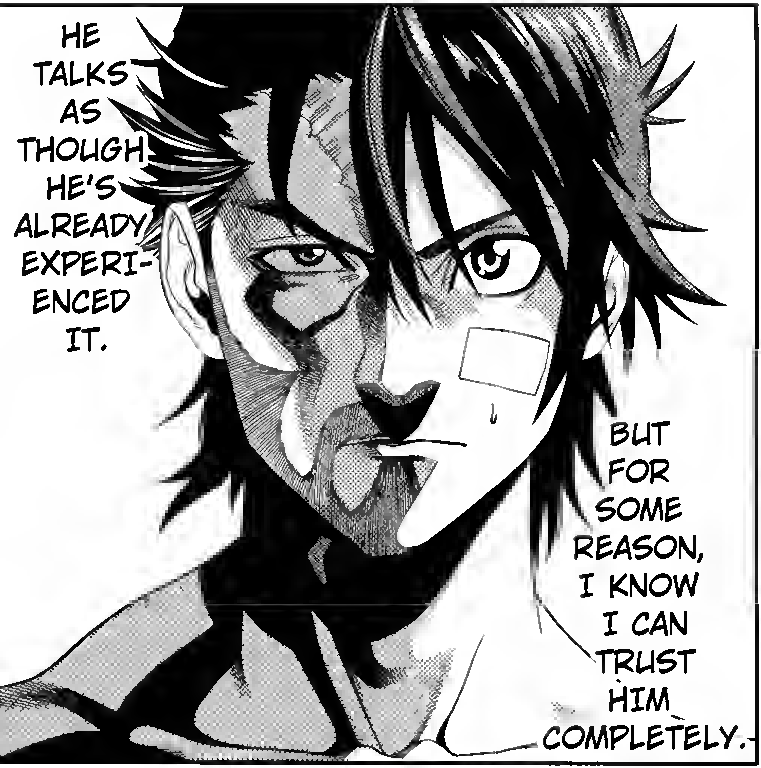

OKAY!
TIME FOR ACTION!
RIGHT! MOVE IT!
YEAH!

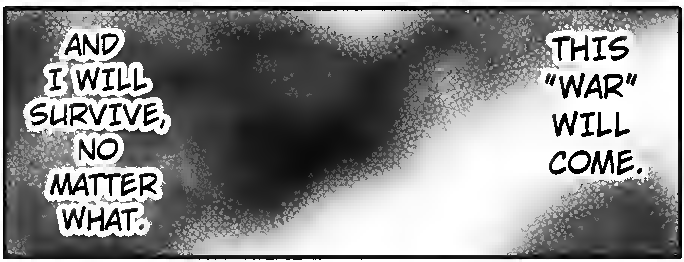

THE MOOD IS A LOT LIGHTER NOW!
IT LOOKS LIKE THEY REALLY TRUST THEIR LEADERS, HERE.
SURE DOES.


BUT NOW THAT THEY'RE STIRRED UP, IF THIS "WAR" OF IWATOBI'S DOESN'T HAPPEN...
...WE'LL BE IN FOR IT.
THE CHIEF WILL KILL US.


IWATOBI IS HIDING SOME-THING.
IT'S ONLY NATURAL THAT THEY'RE SUSPICIOUS.

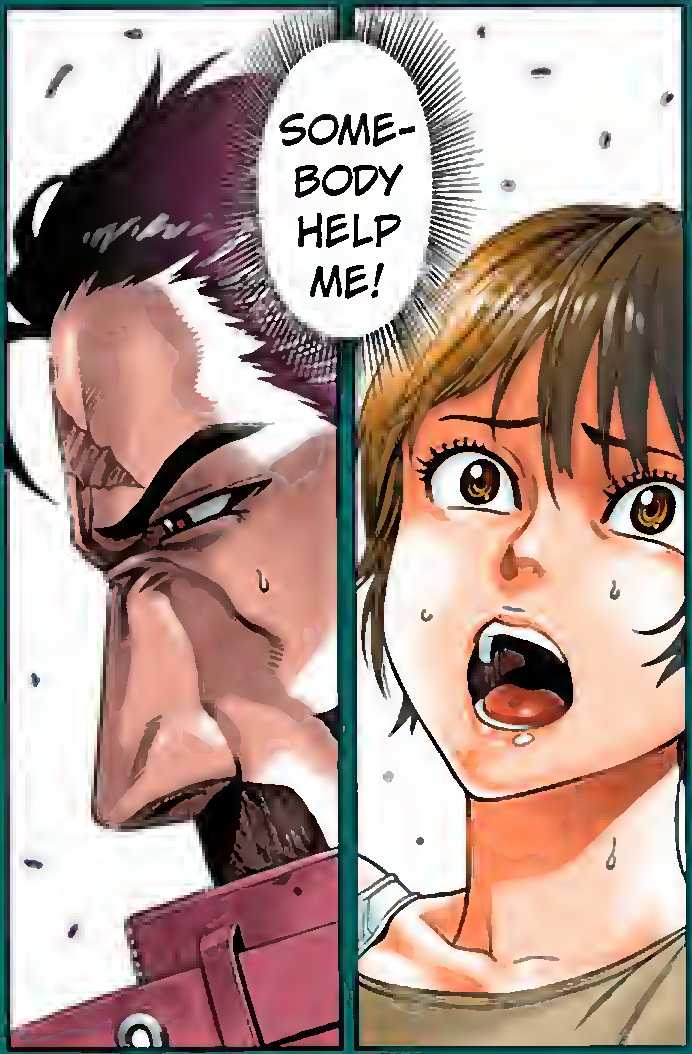

WELL, WE'RE DEAD EITHER WAY, REALLY.
HEH ...


HE TALKS AS THOUGH HE'S ALREADY EXPERI-ENCED IT.
BUT FOR SOME REASON, I KNOW I CAN TRUST HIM COMPLETELY.


THIS "WAR" WILL COME.
AND I WILL SURVIVE, NO MATTER WHAT.

...
HUH?
WHERE ARE NISHINA AND HATANO?
HAVEN'T SEEN 'EM.
DO YOU KNOW, IWATOBI?
...
SORRY.
I'M SURE THEY'RE CLEANING THE PANELS.
YOU'RE RIGHT.
HEY, KIDS.
?
STEP
スタスタ
STEP

POUND
POUND
POUND
POUND
YOUR WEAPONS ARE READY.
REA-LLY?
WOW!
...
CAN ANYONE HEAR ME!?
LET ME OUT!


SOME-
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HELP
ME!

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LET ME OUT!
SOME-BODY HELP ME!
POUND
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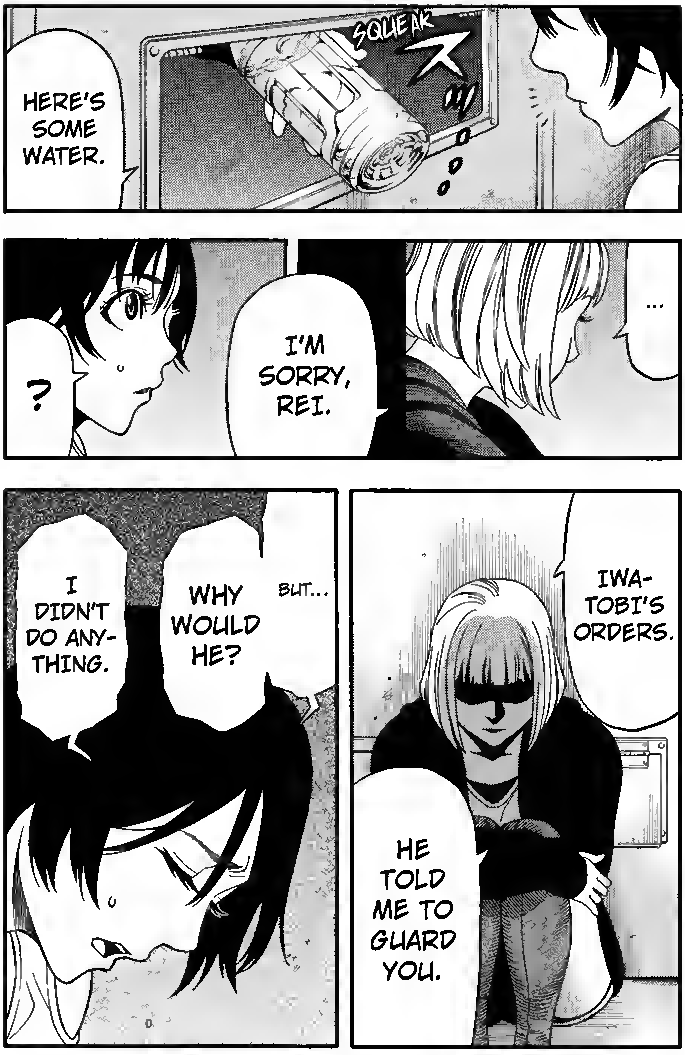
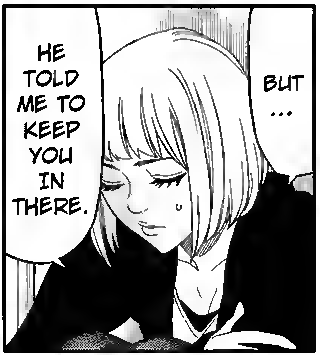
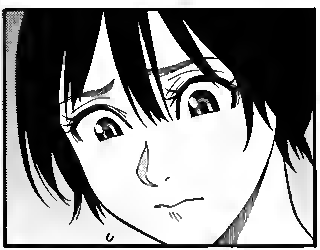
I'M SO GLAD IT'S YOU, MIU!
...
CLICK
!
...
IWATOBI LOCKED ME IN HERE.
MIU?


SQUEAK
HERE'S SOME WATER.
...
I'M SORRY, REI.
?
IWA-TOBI'S ORDERS.
HE TOLD ME TO GUARD YOU.
BUT...
WHY WOULD HE?
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING.

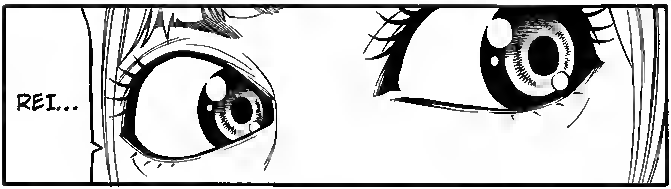
I WANT TO HELP OUT!
BESIDES ...
...WE'RE PRETTY MUCH FAMILY NOW!
PLE-ASE...

MIU, PLEASE! LET ME OUT OF HERE!


HE TOLD ME TO KEEP YOU IN THERE.
BUT ...



I THOU-GHT...
...WE WERE PRETTY MUCH FAMILY.


REI...

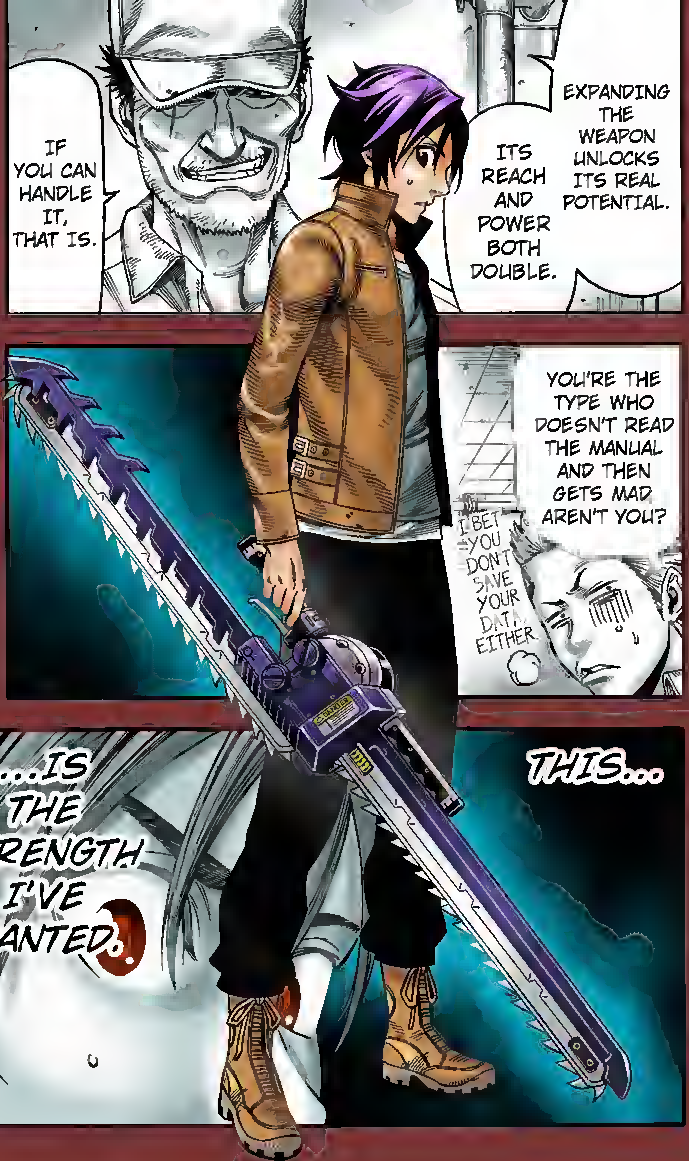
SOME FAMILY MEMBERS ARE USELESS, YOU KNOW.
HUH?

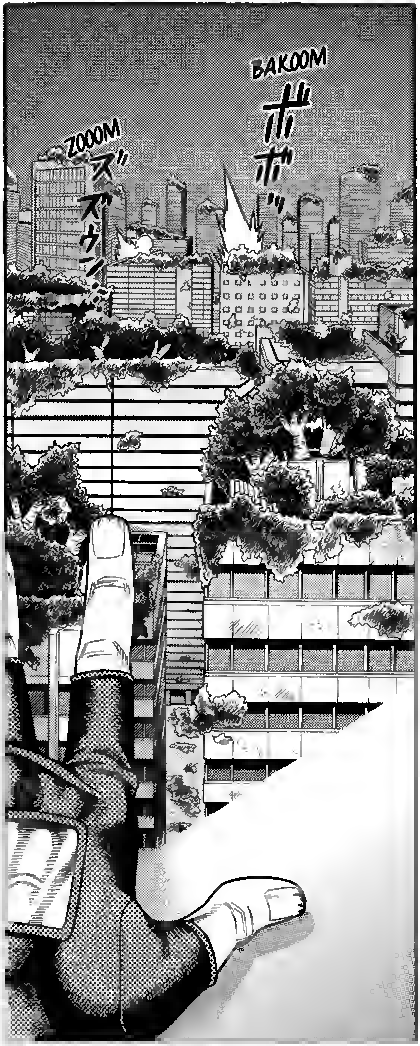
YOU'LL BE SAFE IF YOU STAY HERE AND WATCH REI.
DON'T FORGET OUR DEAL.
I WON'T.
AS LONG AS REI IS SAFE AFTER THE FIGHT...
...I'LL DO AS YOU ASK.
IT'S A DEAL ...
GRIN
ニィ…
... IWA-TOBI.

WE REVERSE-ENGINEERED IWATOBI'S WEAPON...
...AND CAME UP WITH SOME-THING SPECIAL.
IT'S LIGHT YEARS BEYOND WHAT WE'VE MADE BEFORE.
THIS...
...IS FOR ME?
HEH HEH フフ
IT'S THE GAVIAL TB SAW.

WHILE IT LOOKS LIKE THE STANDARD SWORD-TYPE, IN REALITY...
BLAH BLAH
...
THE GAVIAL IS A CROCODILE WITH A SLENDER MOUTH, AND WE THOUGHT THE THING LOOKED CROCODILISH, SO...
BLAH BLAH
HEH, HEH
フフン
ズン!!
CLANK
BLAH BLAH, ANY-WAY...
DON'T!
CLICK
WHAT DOES THIS SWITCH DO?
HMM?
BLAH BLAH

SHOONK
HUH?
UM...
YOU TRYING TO KILL ME?
YEESH
SHRONK
IT SLICED THROUGH THE FLOOR!


IF YOU CAN HANDLE IT, THAT IS.
ITS REACH AND POWER BOTH DOUBLE.
EXPANDING THE WEAPON UNLOCKS ITS REAL POTENTIAL.
YOU'RE THE TYPE WHO DOESN'T READ THE MANUAL AND THEN GETS MAD AREN'T YOU?
I BET YOU DON'T SAVE YOUR DATA EITHER
THIS...
...IS THE STRENGTH I'VE WANTED.


KATTLE
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KATTLE
カタ…
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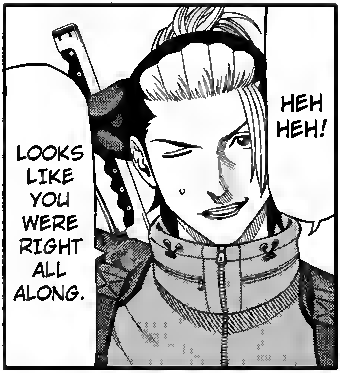
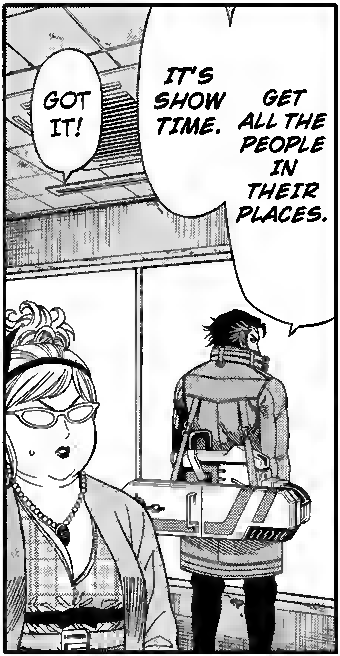
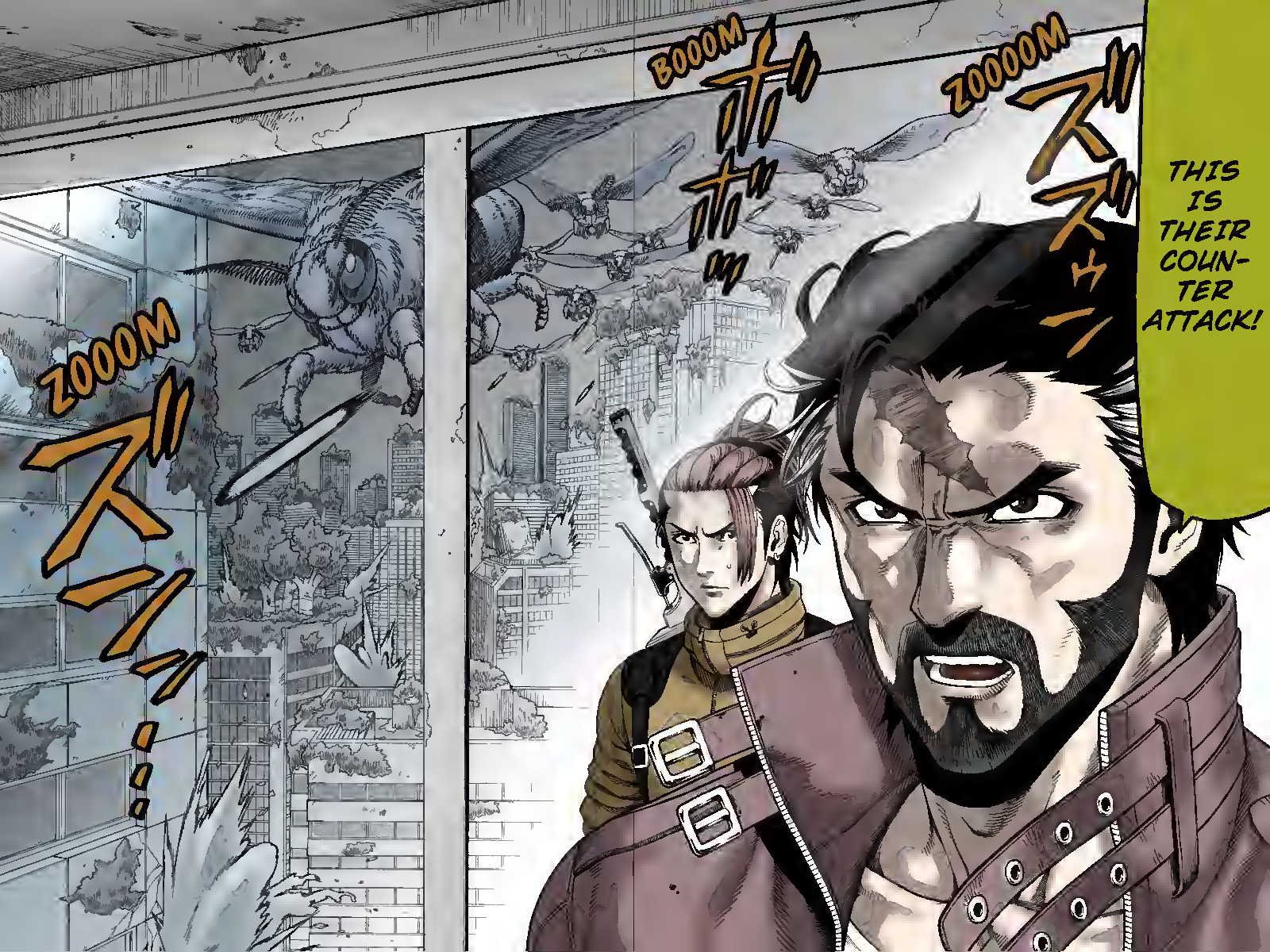
BAKOOM
ボボボ
ZOOOM
ズズゥゥ…


HEH HEH!
LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT ALL ALONG.

ZOOM
ズゥン…
THEY'RE HERE.


GET ALL THE PEOPLE IN THEIR PLACES.
IT'S SHOW TIME.
GOT IT!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BOOOM
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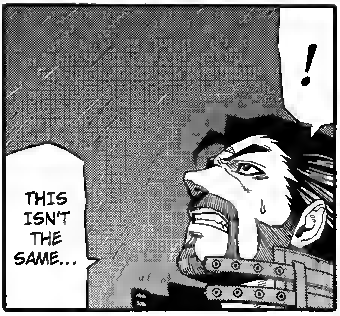
THIS RAIN IS BAD NEWS!

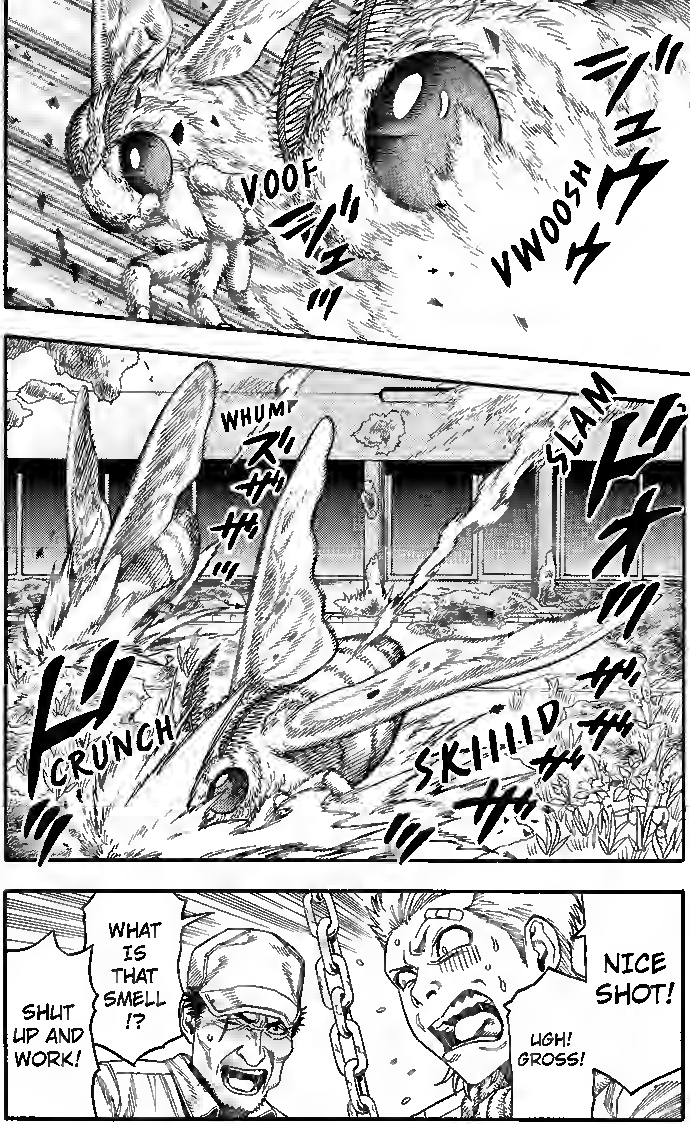

!
THIS ISN'T THE SAME...

...
IWA-TOBI!

サアアアアアアSSSHHHHHHHH
IT'S REALLY POURING!
RATS! THE FIRE WON'T SPREAD!

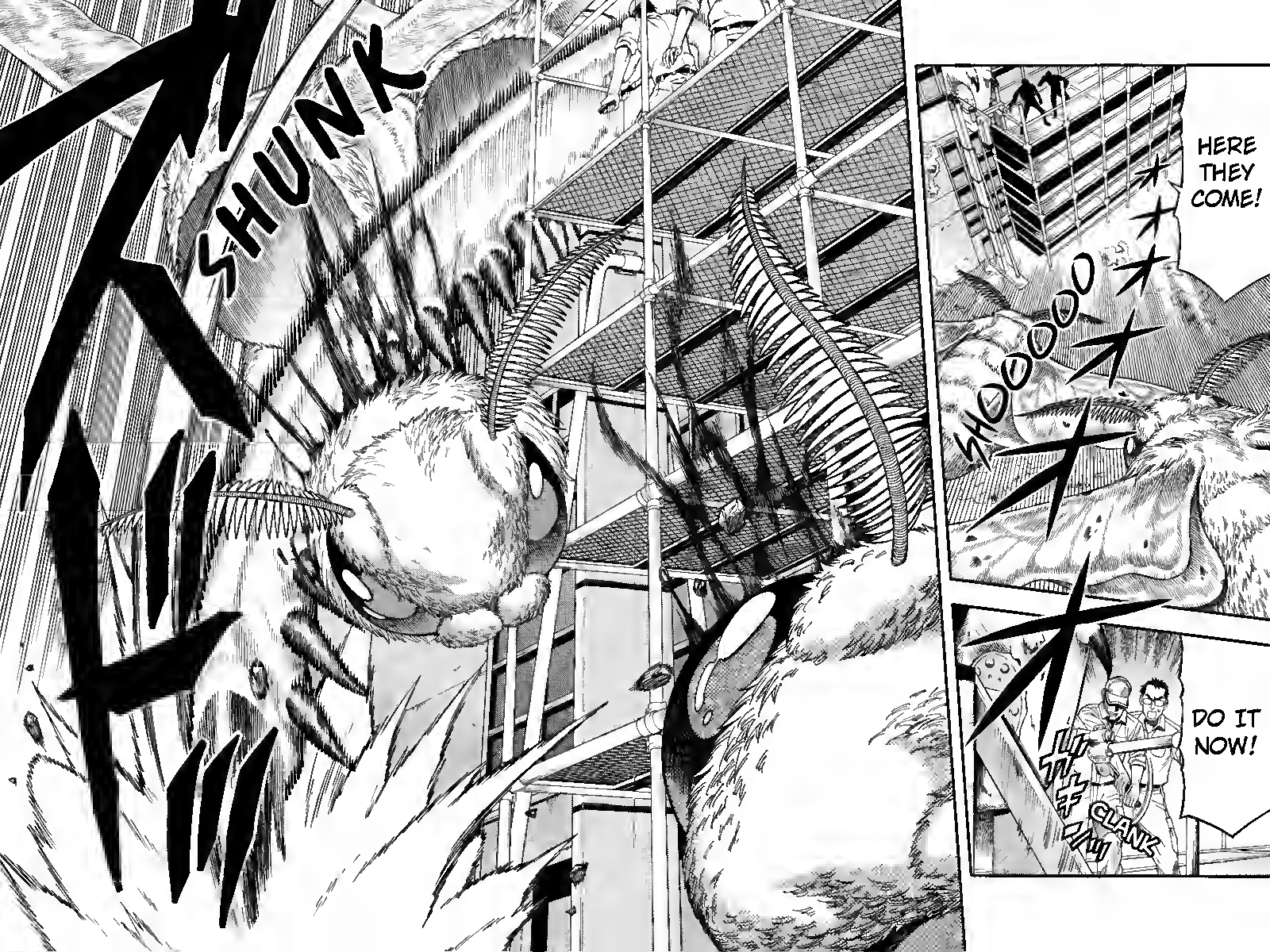
HEH! IT'LL BE FINE.
I'M HERE TO CHANGE THINGS, AFTER ALL!
THE FEAST IS READY!
TIME TO FEED!
オオオオ

SHOOOM


VOOF
VWOOSH
WHUMP
SLAM
CRUNCH
SKIIIID
WHAT IS THAT SMELL!?
SHUT UP AND WORK!
NICE SHOT!
UGH! GROSS!

IWATOBI SAID EVEN ORDINARY-SIZED BEETLES OF THIS SPECIES PRODUCE GAS THAT CAN BOIL WATER!
A SHOT FROM THIS MONSTER WILL PACK A REAL PUNCH!
SO MAKE SURE IT'S AIMED STRAIGHT!

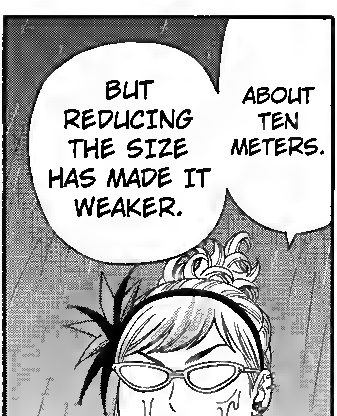
RUMBLE
FIRE AT WILL, PEOPLE!
IF YOU HIT, GREAT!
IF NOT, IT'LL STILL MAKE A WALL THE ENEMY HAS TO GET THROUGH!
SHOOOOOO
CRUNCH


SHUNK
HERE THEY COME!
DO IT NOW!
CLANK

IWATOBI IS USING THAT BEETLE AS A WEAPON.
THAT'S WHY HE SAID NOT TO FINISH IT.
DID HE MAKE YOU GATHER UP THOSE PILL BUGS AND NUTS, TOO?
SOME OF US HAD TO WORK, AKIRA.
BOOM
AND THAT BLADE TRAP IS THE ARM OF THE MANTIS IWATOBI KILLED!

SLAM
WOW!
WHUMP
WE MUST HAVE KILLED AT LEAST HALF OF THEM ALREADY!

NOW WE WAIT FOR IWATOBI'S SIGNAL TO CHARGE.
SIG-NAL?
HE'S ON THE ROOF, RIGHT?


BUT REDUCING THE SIZE HAS MADE IT WEAKER.
ABOUT TEN METERS.

AS LONG AS THE CABLE DOESN'T BREAK, I'LL BE FINE.

WHAT'S THE RANGE ON THIS THING?

WAIT...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
THAT WON'T BE A PROBLEM.
...
NONE OF YOUR ITEMS HAS EVER FAILED ME.
RELAX.
NOT EVEN ONCE.
トHOPリ

NOOOOOOOO!

NOOOOOOO!
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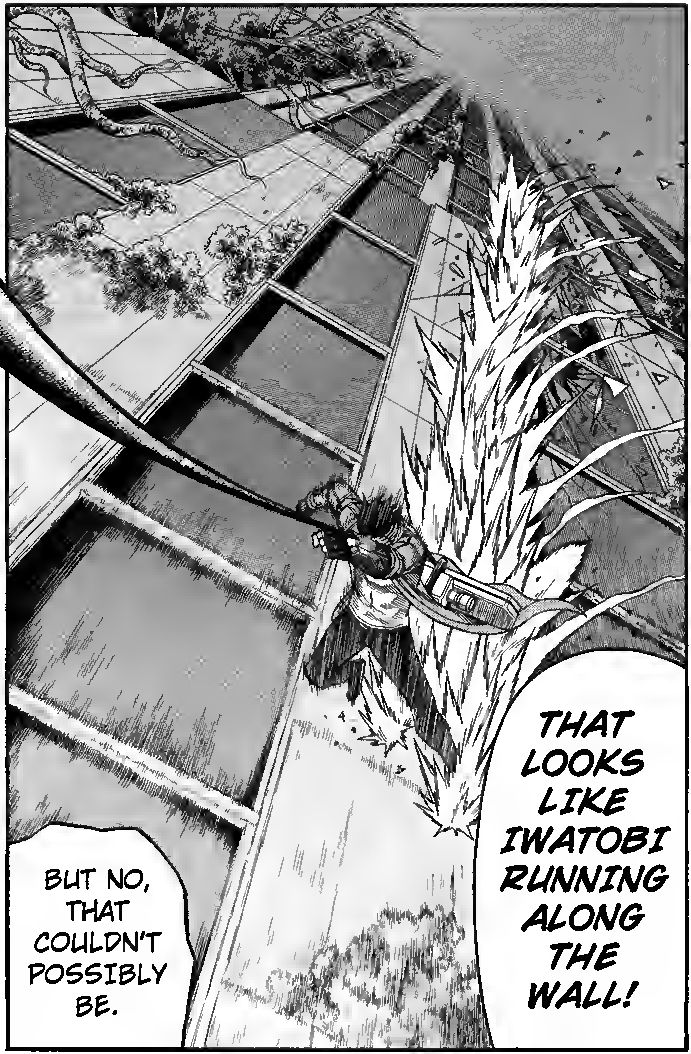
OH...
BOOM
SHE WAS RIGHT. THIS THING DOESN'T HAVE ENOUGH POWER.
I CAN'T CLOSE THE DISTANCE. NOW WHAT?
SHOOT
!
CRAP!
THAK
WHIP

CRA-RASH
CRASH
SHATTER
WHAT'S GOING ON UP THERE?
I CAN'T SEE
WAS THAT PART OF THE PLAN?
THERE'S SOME-THING BEHIND THAT MOTH.
HUH!?


THAT LOOKS LIKE IWATOBI RUNNING ALONG THE WALL!
BUT NO, THAT COULDN'T POSSIBLY BE.

LOOK OUT!
6F
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
THUMP
WHAM!!
PING.

NRAAAAH!
HRAH!
害虫駆除
MUSHI KILLER
BUG SPRAY
ムシキラー
CREAK

ぶっ飛ばす
ギィィィィィ！
SCREEEEAK
IT'S COMING DOWN! MOVE IT!
ドガッ
CLONG!

KA-SHOOOM
WHOA!
YI-KES
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU WERE RIGHT!
HA HA HA!
ZOOF
TA-TAK

ARE YOU READY?
OKAY.
BRRRRRRRRR
!

I'VE FOUGHT IN A LOT OF BATTLES IN THE PAST...
...BUT I LOST ALMOST ALL OF THEM.
LOSING A FIGHT MEANS LOSING FRIENDS.
BUT THE TIDE IS TURNING.
A TEACHER OF MINE OFTEN SAID...
...IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU LOOK LIKE A FOOL, AS LONG AS YOU SURVIVE UNTIL THE END.
BLINK
I'M NOT ASKING FOR YOUR COMPLETE TRUST.
I'M ASKING YOU TO SURVIVE.

IN THIS WAR ...
...WE ARE FIGHTING TO TAKE BACK EACH OF OUR FUTURES.
NOW...
CLICK チャ

ROOOOAAAR
ROOOOAAAR
IT'S TIME TO HUNT!

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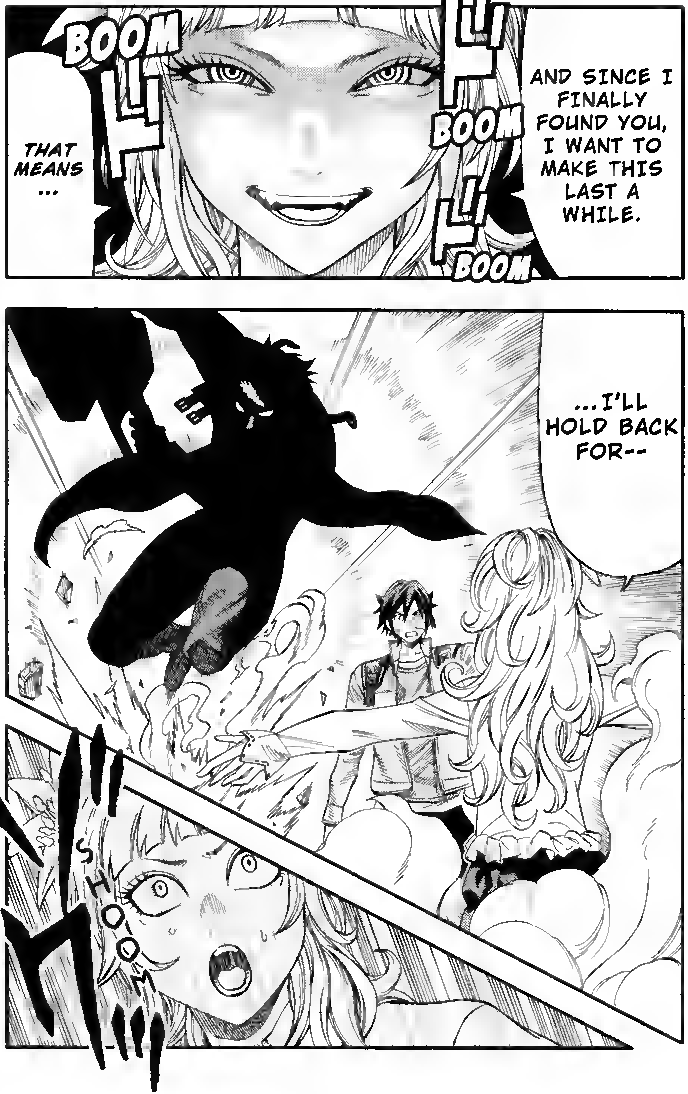
SKIFF-IFF-IFF-IFF
BOOM
!?
BOSS!
CREAAAK

TH-THANKS, BOSS!
I WAS SURE I WAS DEAD, THERE.
HM?
HEY, I OWED YOU ONE.
KI-CHIK
YOU DID?
BA-KOOOM
STEP
POP
STEP
WHAT IN THE ...?

AT LAST ...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
THAT GIRL!
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
JUST WHAT-IS SHE!?
BOOM
... SOME TOYS WORTH PLAY-ING WITH!


BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
THAT MEANS ...
AND SINCE I FINALLY FOUND YOU, I WANT TO MAKE THIS LAST A WHILE.
...I'LL HOLD BACK FOR--
SHOOM

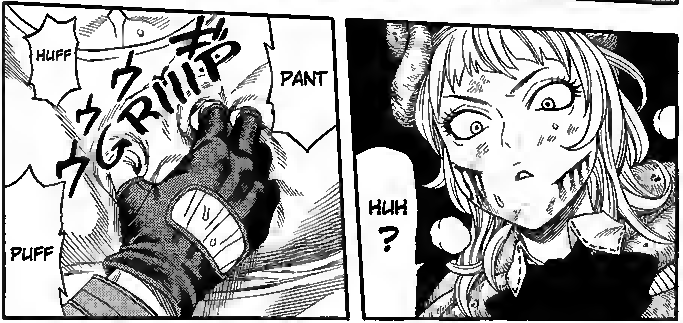
SLASH

WHY HOLD BACK?
Y-YOU'VE GOT A LOT OF PEP, OLD MA--
VOOM
SHINK
HA! YOU THINK A LITTLE CUT WILL STOP M--
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
VOOOOO

HEY!
WOULD YOU WAIT A SECOND, YOU OLD--
GRAAA
I'VE WAITED 30 YEARS.
GRAAA

I'D SAY THAT'S ENO-UGH.
HOLY ...!
IWATOBI IS BEATING HER!
I'M PRETTY SURE I CAN RE-GENERATE FASTER THAN HE CAN ATTACK...
AT THIS RATE...
AT THIS RATE...!

SLUMP
ガクーン


HUFF
PANT
PUFF
ウウウ
ギリリ
HUH?

CRAP. NOT AGAIN.
WHY... NOW?
OUT OF BRE-ATH?
OR ARE YOU SICK?
SQUIRM
SQUIRM
REAL TALK.
I DO NOT WANT TO GET OLD.
VOOOM

SHUNK
!!
!!

TRY ME FIRST.

WATCHING THAT MONSTER FIGHT IWA-TOBI TOLD ME ONE THING, AT LEAST.
I DON'T STAND ANY CHANCE AT ALL.
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BUT THAT MAN...
.. SAVED US SO MANY TIMES.
I'M NOT GONNA STAND BACK AND WATCH HIM DIE!
HRAAAAAAAAGH!

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GRRAOOW
ZZZRRANG
WOOSH
IT'S NO GOOD.
YOU'RE NOT NEARLY STRONG ENOUGH, YET.
GRAB
WELL, I GIVE YOU AN "A" FOR EFFORT.

GYAAAAH!
CREEAAK
CRE
AAAAAGH!

VWISH
GROON
BRAAOW

ZAP
POP
!?
SWITCH
HIP
HOP
BZZZZZZZZZZZZ
WHY, YOU ...!

SLAM
THAT'S EN-OUGH, YOU PEST!
SHI-BATA!
GRIND
THAT'S ENOUGH, YOU PEST!
STEAM

GHRRRRRRR
!!
YOU RANG ?

GIVE ME A BREAK!
GRIP
SHICK
CLICK
WHUM
HROOOOAAAGH!
WHAT IS WITH YOU PEOPLE!?

ROOOOOAAAAAAR
ROOOAAR
WHOOSH
SLASH
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SLASH
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PATTER
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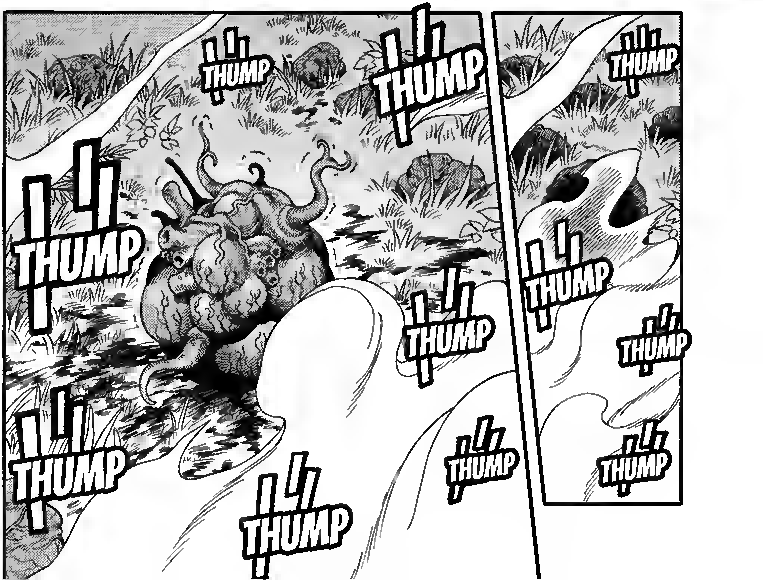
ROOOOOAAAAAR
YOU GUYS ...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